Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jonathan Greenert

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WFAN Radio: Admiral Jon Greenert is joining us, Chief of Naval Operations.

I am first and foremost honored to have you on our stage, but also the significance and the importance of this being the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and today's game honoring military appreciation, it's kind of all coming together today.

Adm. Greenert: Thanks. It's an honor and privilege to be here and of course our hearts and prayers go out to the people in New York, New Jersey, and in the area. They have taken care of the Navy for years. This is a Navy town. We'll be here as long as we need to be here. We've got some big ships out there, a lot of Marines, a lot of Sailors, doing everything we can.

WFAN Radio: I wanted to ask you a question. You're a big Steelers fan but we had to have you on the show today and that's okay, that's okay.

We don't like to tick people off or anything like that, but the fact is that we know that reading your bio you are a bit of a Steelers fan. We know that you're going to be rooting for the Steelers here today and hopefully everybody will be okay with you.

What is your relationship with the Rooney family? I was reading a little bit about that. Can you talk to us a little bit about how you go back with them?

Admiral Greenert: Well, there's no blood here other than being a Steelers fan.

The Rooneys take care of the people of Pittsburgh. The Ambasasdor, Dan Rooney, he's Ambassador to Ireland. We got to know them through the Navy, Notre Dame game and some other items. But they have been good to the military as have the Giants. It's one family here.

WFAN Radio: Absolutely.

WFAN Radio: They actually are one family.

WFAN Radio: What's one of the most difficult things that you guys have had to deal with as you come up to this region and see the disaster from Hurricane Sandy.

Admiral Greenert: Number one, Paul, it's dewatering. Get the water out of the tunnels. Get fuel in. Get fueled. Get more power. Get things turned around. So it's dewatering, fuel,

logistics, and really anything else that we can do. Removing debris, we can run power lines, all of those. Checking bridges, checking piers. We have engineers to do all those sorts of things.

WFAN Radio: Let me ask you about the fuel situation. Obviously gas lines here are absolutely insane. How much is being done it in terms of trying to get tankers in here to get the fuel to the people?

Admiral Greenert: Well, if you bring the big tankers here you have to get them pierside so we can offload and you've got to get the piping cleared with no leakage, so there's a lot of engineering to protect the berms, protect the piers from further damage, get some refineries going so that they can get going.

WFAN Radio: Admiral, thank you so much for joning us.

Admiral Greenert: It's a pleasure.

WFAN Radio: I know you're going to be honored on the field pre-game. Enjoy the game.

Admiral Greenert: Thank you. Hey, let me give you my coin.

WFAN Radio: Thank you.

Admiral Greenert: That's just a thing we military people do.

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